



ROCKY MOUNTAIN COORDINATING GROUP

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December 1, 2008

To: Clair Brown and Operations Committee

From: Chair, Rocky Mountain Coordinating Group

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Subject: Issue Paper – Unequal IC representation

RMCG discussed this issue at our October business meeting in your presence. Your issue paper is attached to this letter.

RMCG understands the perceived conflict-of-interest regarding discussions/voting on matters which affect multiple teams. In 2008, RMCG did follow existing conflict-of-interest policy which exists in current draft RMCG charter (draft will be finalized in 2009 and posted on website). The policy requires recusal from voting on topics which personally involve members. However, the policy does not address equal representation during discussions, which is the issue here.

RMCG pledges to make a good-faith effort to include other ICs in the discussion of pertinent topics before decisions are made. We will also discuss our current conflict-of-interest policy before the draft Charter is finalized to determine if changes are necessary.

Attachment

Cc: RMCG Representatives
RMCG Business Manager
RMCG Committee Chairs